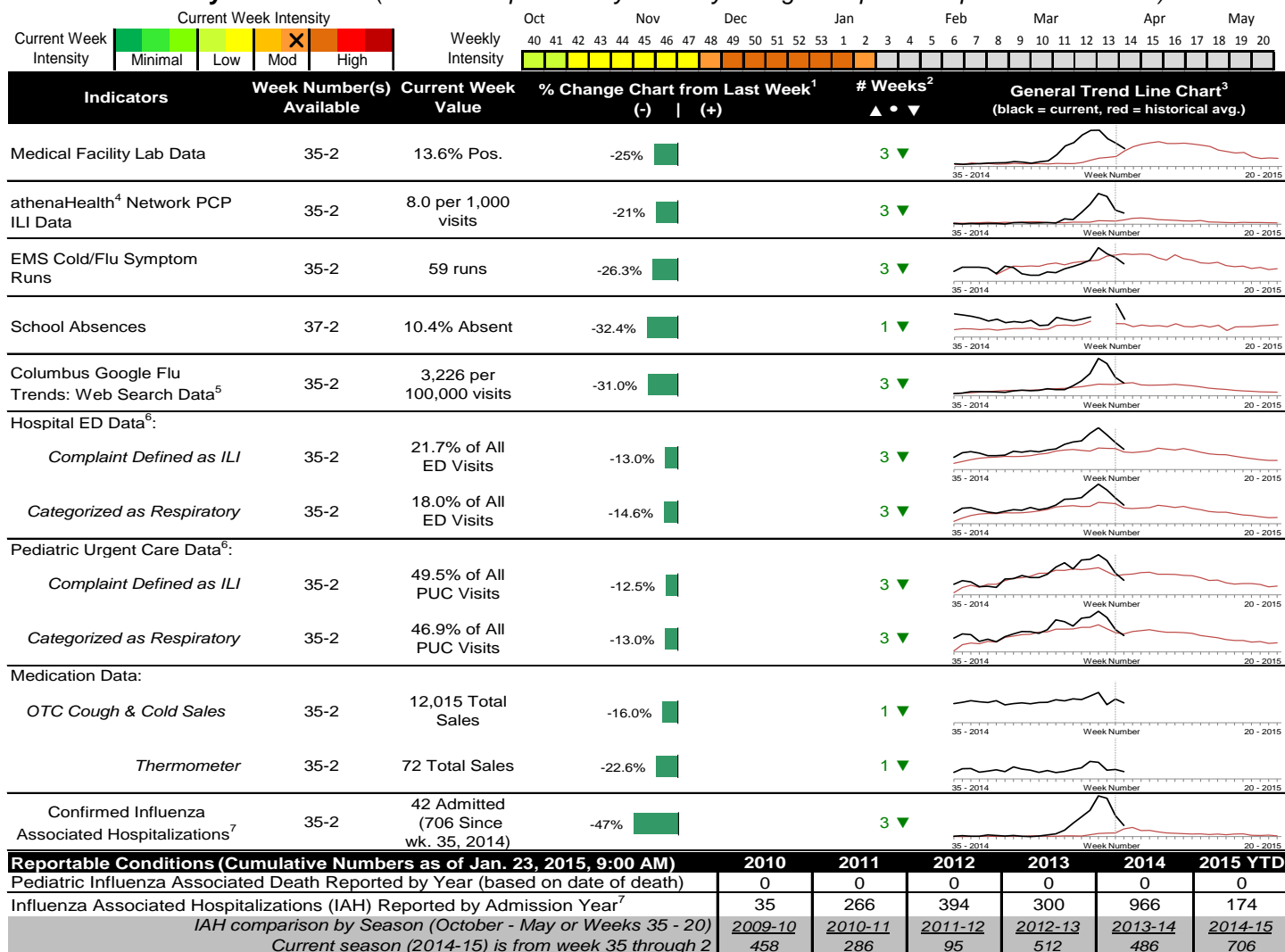


## 2014-2015 Columbus & Franklin County Seasonal Influenza Activity Weekly Summary (Week 2, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015– Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015)

### Highlights

- In week 2 of 2015, all of the local indicators of influenza activity decreased compared to week 1. Local influenza activity remains elevated (with a number of indicators still above their baseline values), despite indicators trending downward towards their baseline values the past few weeks.
- Geographic activity and local intensity designation (Click [here](#) for definitions) = WIDESPREAD, MODERATE
- Local medical facility labs reported 2,010 tests run with 274 (13.6%) positive results for week 2 of 2015.
- The percentage of ED visits for both influenza-like-illness (ILI) and respiratory symptoms decreased in week 2. The percentages are approaching, but are still slightly higher, than their respective weekly baseline averages.
- In week 2 of 2015, local over-the-counter medication sale trends generally decreased (decrease in cough and cold, electrolyte, thermometer, chest rub, and throat lozenge sales; slight increase in pediatric anti-fever sales; and stable adult anti-fever sales) compared to last week.
- Nationally, influenza activity remained elevated in week 2. Please [visit the CDC website for specific information](#) (National data is usually updated on Friday of each week).

### Local Flu Activity Dashboard *(All data are preliminary and may change as updated reports are received.)*



<sup>1</sup>Interpret with caution. Indicators with small numbers subject to large weekly percentage fluctuations.

<sup>2</sup>Number of weeks "▲" = Increase (>2%), "▼" = Decrease (>2%), "•" = Stable (-2% to +2%).

<sup>3</sup>Black line is current years data. Based on data availability, red line is historical average (excluding pandemic year).

<sup>4</sup>Data Source: athenaHealth, Inc. and their analytics and research team athenaResearch ([www.athenahealth.com](http://www.athenahealth.com)). Rate of ILI visits to Franklin County, OH, athenaHealth network's primary care practices/physicians using claims data.

<sup>5</sup>Data Source: Google Flu Trends ([www.google.org/flutrends](http://www.google.org/flutrends)), City = Columbus, OH. See website for additional details.

<sup>6</sup>Franklin County, OH residents only (based on zipcode).

<sup>7</sup>Confirmed cases only. Based on jurisdiction equal to Franklin County or City of Columbus and admission date available in ODRS.

### CDC 122-Cities Mortality Reporting System: Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality

Due to technical difficulties, the percentage of local deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was not available at the time of this report. Nationally, 9.3% of deaths reported were attributed to pneumonia and influenza in week 2. This national percentage is above the national epidemic threshold of 7.1% for week 2.

### Influenza Morbidity and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Reports

In week 2, the preliminary local influenza-like-illness (ILI) visit rate (8.0 per 1,000 visits) to athenaHealth providers was lower than the previous week but is still higher than the baseline average for the past several weeks (Figure 1). The week 2 percentage of Emergency Department (ED) visits for ILI symptoms decreased compared to the previous week (Figure 3) but is still slightly higher than the historic baseline for the week. Pediatric urgent care visits for ILI symptoms also decreased compared to the previous week and has dipped below the historic baseline for the week.

Nationally, during week 2 of 2015, 4.5% of patient visits reported through the US Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), were due to influenza-like illness (ILI). The percentage is higher than the national baseline of 2.0%.

### Laboratory Surveillance

During week 2 of 2015, reporting Franklin County sentinel medical facility laboratories tested 2,010 specimens, with 274 (13.6%) positive (Figure 4). The total number of tests done by local reporting labs from week 35 of 2014 through week 2 of 2015 is 27,010 with 4,834 (17.9%) positives (4,509 type A, 301 type B, 21 both A and B, 3 type unknown).

Nationally in week 2 of 2015, WHO and NREVSS laboratories reported 26,205 specimens tested for influenza viruses, 5,104 (19.5%) of which were positive (visit the CDC website for more info). The last 3 weeks available national breakdown by type and subtype from the CDC is shown in Table 1 below:

**Table 1: U.S. Virologic Surveillance (WHO and NREVSS participating labs)**

Week	A Total	A (H1)	A 2009 H1N1	A (H3)	A (H3N2v)	A (unable to sub-type)	A (Subtyping not performed)	B Total	Total # Tested	% Positive
53	9146 (96%)	0 (0%)	8 (0.1%)	3705 (40.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5433 (59.4%)	378 (4%)	36897	25.81
1	6943 (95.7%)	0 (0%)	7 (0.1%)	3155 (45.4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3781 (54.5%)	315 (4.3%)	33261	21.82
2	4800 (94%)	0 (0%)	3 (0.1%)	1821 (37.9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2976 (62%)	304 (6%)	26205	19.47

ODH lab reported results for Ohio cases that are PCR positive for seasonal influenza Positive results: (1) A/PdH1N1; (695) A/H3N2; (9) Influenza B (through 01/17/15).

### ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Respiratory Visits

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of 2015, the percentage of all ED visits categorized as *respiratory* decreased compared to the percentage seen the previous week but is still slightly higher than its historic baseline for the week (Figure 5). Pediatric urgent care visits for respiratory symptoms also decreased compared to the previous week, and has dipped below its historic baseline for the week.

### Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Sales and Antiviral Prescriptions

In week 2 of 2015, local over-the-counter medication sales generally decreased (decrease in cough and cold, electrolyte, thermometer, chest rub, and throat lozenge sales; slight increase in pediatric anti-fever sales; and stable adult anti-fever sales) compared to last week.

### Additional Influenza Activity Web Links:

Ohio Seasonal Flu Surveillance: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/seasflu/ohfluactivity.aspx>

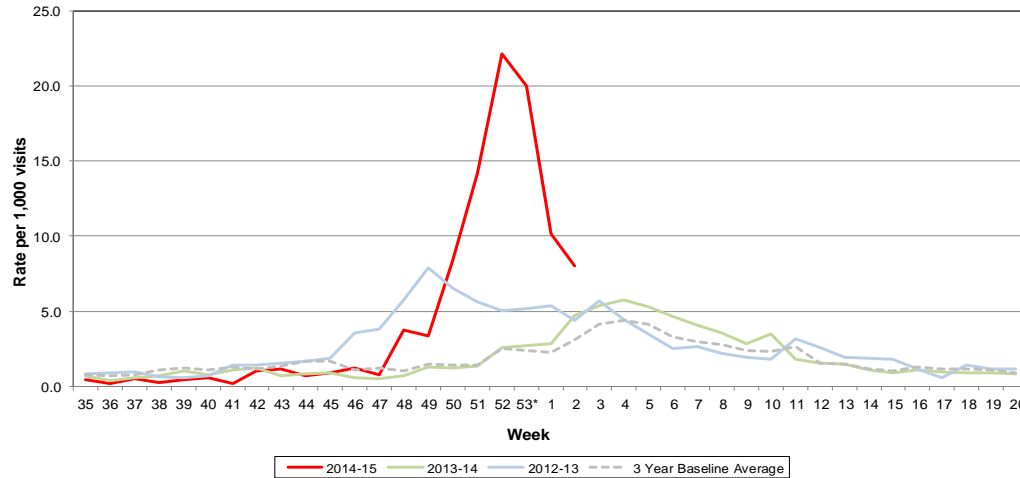
CDC National Seasonal Flu Surveillance Reports: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

CDC International Flu Activity Map: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/activity.htm>

World Health Organization Situation Updates: [http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance\\_monitoring/en/](http://www.who.int/influenza/surveillance_monitoring/en/)

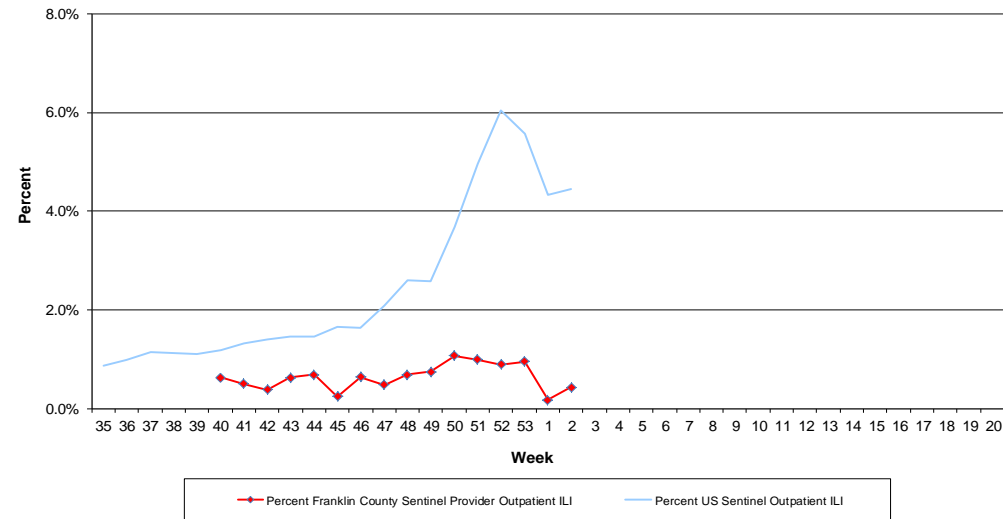
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**Figure 1: athenahealth Network Primary Care Physician Influenza-Like-Illness Visit Rate†, Franklin County, OH**

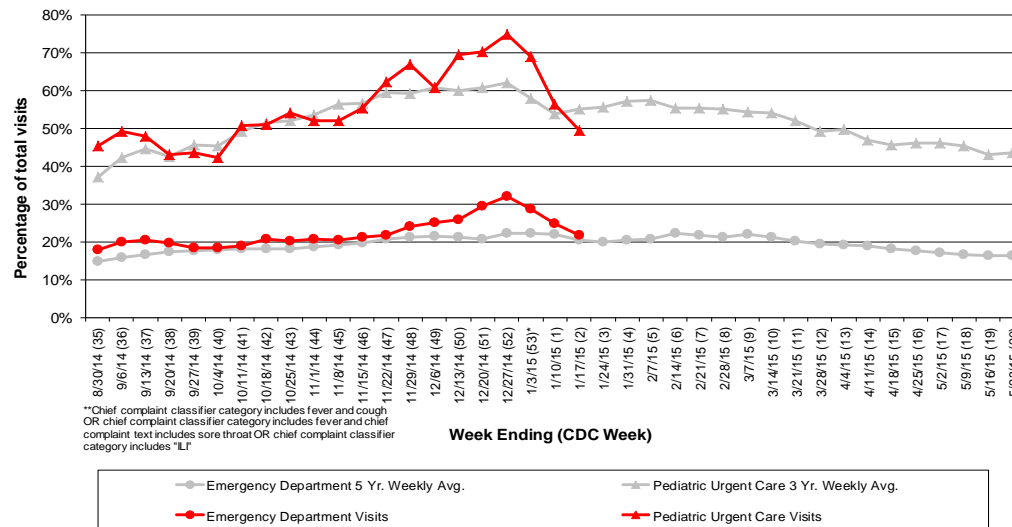


†Source: Claims data from athenahealth, Inc. and their analytics and research team, athenaResearch ([www.athenahealth.com/blog/category/analytics-research](http://www.athenahealth.com/blog/category/analytics-research))  
 Note: athenaHealth claims data are subject to filing and processing time lags. Historical data are updated when they are received.

**Figure 2: Percentage of Local and National ILI Outpatient CDC Sentinel Health Care Provider Site visits, 2014-15**

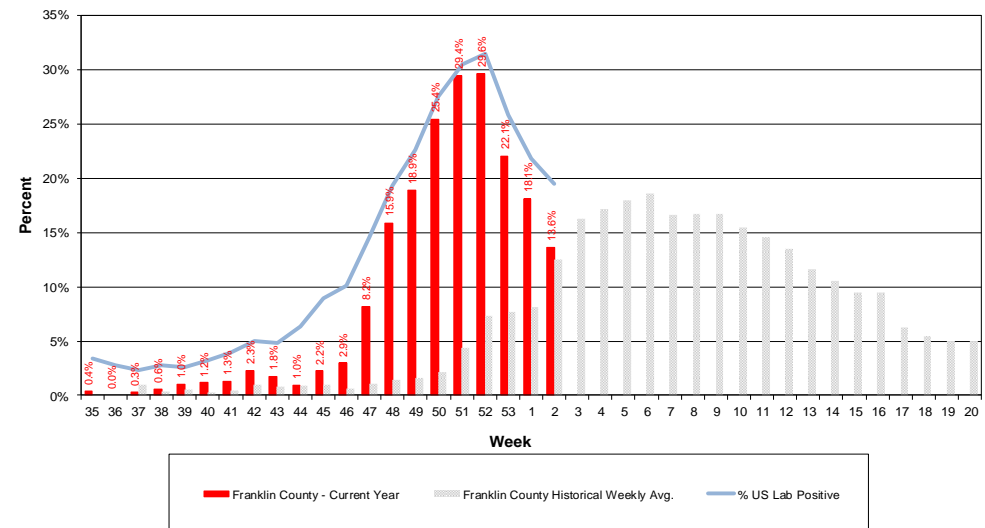


**Figure 3: Franklin County Resident ILI Defined\*\* ED and Pediatric Urgent Care Visits, 2014-15, Franklin County, OH**



\*\*Chief complaint classifier category includes fever and cough  
 OR chief complaint classifier category includes fever and chief  
 complaint text includes sore throat OR chief complaint classifier  
 category includes "ILI"

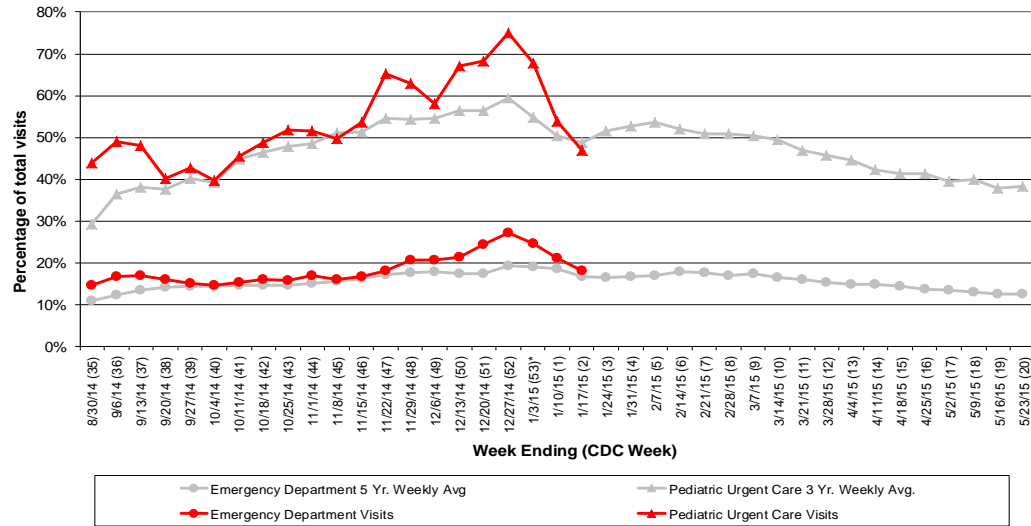
**Figure 4: Percentage of Local Reporting and National Laboratory Positive Influenza Tests by Week, 2014-15**



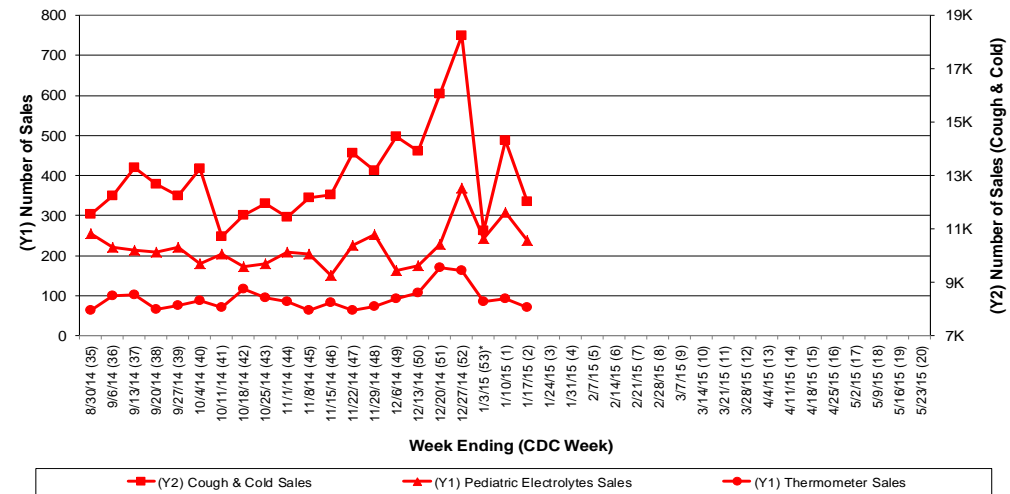
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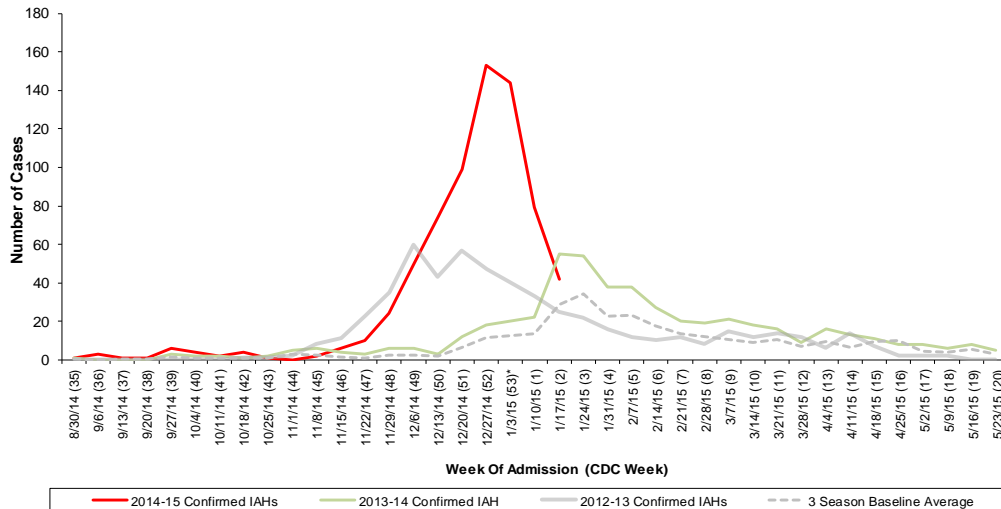
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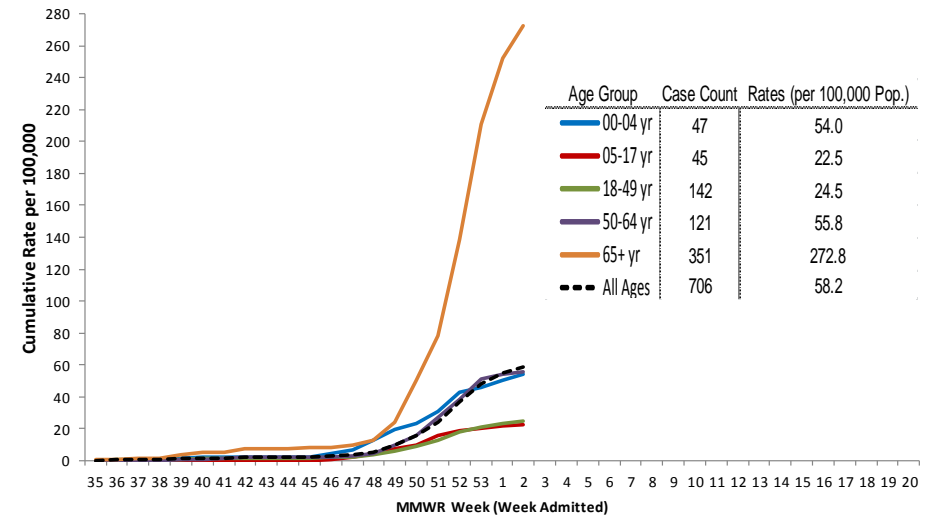
**Figure 6: Selected Number of Over-the-Counter Medication Sales, 2014-15, Franklin County, OH**



**Figure 7: Franklin County Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by Hospital Admission Week (As of 9:00 AM, 1/23/2015)**



**Franklin County, OH, Confirmed Influenza Hospitalization Cumulative Rates (per 100,000) by Age-Group and Admission Week, 2014-2015 Season**



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